

# Prognostica- tion, and Alma

backe of Iudo: Schepher



des: necessarie for all householders,

**F**or expences.



**S** for Expences,  
here and take ryght  
good hede, that yf in  
thy house thynne expen-  
ces, & thynne receptes  
bee quall, than a cōdeyne chaunce  
of losse by infortune, may soone dy-  
stroye the state of it.

**N**ecligence.

**T**he state of a negligent man ma-  
keth a ruynous house. For necligen-  
ce of a man gouernynge a howse, is  
as a great fyre, kyndled in the same  
kerche therfore wysely & dyligent-  
ly, & the purpose of them, that my-  
nisther thy gooddes, for a man redy  
to fal, and not yet fallen may soone  
be holpen, for it is lesse shame to ab-  
stayne than to fall, often to ouer se  
thy gooddes, in what maner they  
stande is great prudence.

**T**hy beastes.

**T**han remembre the meate and  
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the drike of thy beast, for though  
they hunger and thurst, they can  
not aske what they lacke or nede.

### **C**The costes.

**C**To ouer sumptuous weddinges  
yeldeth hurte without worship, cost  
done to resyste malyce is worshyp-  
full. Cost done to refreche thy fren-  
des is resonable, coste done to su-  
stayne wastfull spenders is alway-  
es but losse.

### **E**ate and drynke.

**C**To noyssh the thy meyne in a mea-  
sure honestly, not delycatly, he that  
is a gloton byneth otherwyse, than  
bydeth shall chaunge his maners,  
Glotonye of a byle & necligent per-  
sone, is but corruption. The welfa-  
re of a dyligent persone is but a so-  
lace, yf there be a strife betwene glo-  
tony and thy purse, be thou thy self  
aduocat betwene them, and let the  
sentence or the moste parte be with  
thy purse, for whan he byngeth in  
his



his two wytnesses with hym, that  
is to say, the chesse & the seller boy-  
de, or is nygh boyde. I trow thou  
wylt holde with the purse, & yf the  
purse be bounde with Couetousnes  
thā the sentence goth agaynst gloto-  
ny. Be not desyrous of costly deyn-  
tes, for than thou wylte gyue sen-  
tence wi h glotony agaynst the pur-  
se to his hurte.

#### **C**The couetyce.

Couetyce doth nothyng rightful  
but whan he lyeth, what is a coue-  
touse man, he that hath suffycent  
rychesse, and euer dredeth pouerte,  
& yet he besyeth hym selfe a way to  
lyue in pouerte. Al that is kept for  
other mē he thynketh it wel, & that  
thyng that is spende bpon hym  
selfe, he thynketh it but losse.

#### **C**The seller of corne:

If thou be a corne seller, lone thou  
no derth, yf thou do, thou sleest the  
poore men, sell thy corne whan it is

at a reasonable pryce, and not whan  
the poore men maye not bye it, nor  
ouely to thy neyghboure, but also to  
thy enemyes sell at an easie pryce,  
for not alwaye with sword, but oft  
tymes by meate and drynke thy ene  
mye is overcome.

### **¶ The enemyes.**

And yf thou haue an enemye be not  
to conuersat with vnknown men,  
but alwayes agaynst hym, and all  
agaynst vnknown persones, lett  
thyne yen be thy gyde, for a subtyll  
enemye intendeth at sometyme to be  
auenged. The feblenes of thyne ene  
mye is not a perpetuell peace, but  
truse for a tyme, yf thou wene that  
thou be sure of thyne enemye, thou  
puttest thy selfe in peryll.

### **¶ The gyftes.**

Receyue gladly the small gyftes of  
thy poore neyghboure or frende, for  
oft tymes he is more trustye frende  
that giveth with his herte, than he

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that offeryth hym selfe onely, for in  
wordes there is great plenty of fren  
des, call not hym thy frende that oft  
prayseth the in thy presence, yf thou  
counceyl thy frende, desyre not to  
please him, but to please reaso, say  
to thy frende in counceyllinge, thus  
Iemyth me, not precisely, thus is to  
be done, for yf thy counceyll come to  
euill profite, there foloweth some re  
se, than yf it come to good effect,  
gan it is prayfynge.

#### ¶ The women.

Of thy womē suspect what they do  
rather pretende ygnorance thanne  
knowledge, for when thou knowest  
the crime of thyne euill wyfe, of no  
shelylan thou shalt be cured. The  
proue taken of thyne euill wyfe,  
hou maye abate when thou hereth  
yfe things of other menēs wyues  
a noble and a gentyl herte seerchyth  
not the markes of a woman, thou  
shalt soon chastyce thyne euill wy  
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in le boith smylunge, than with a staffe  
en a yonge woman a strumpet shal con  
st lanie away ryches. an olde woman  
ou a strumpet yf þe same wolde suffer it  
to the were worthy to be brent quytte.

### ¶ The clothynge.

Sumptuous Clothynge outragge  
ously a preyte of lytel wyte, ome thy  
nyng colours in thy clothynnges  
dyeth disoayne to thy neyghbours,  
study to please with better, and not  
with clothynge. The peryson of a  
woman askynge clothes, and is suf  
ficiently clothed, she with her bralled  
fastnes, steryth dyschayne.

### ¶ The Jogelars.

A mancher yll thing Jogelars shal  
loone have a wyte, whose name is  
pouerte, but who shal be her com  
forloth derpyson, yf it happen the to  
here the wordes of a jogelar, sayne  
thy self not to here them, but to shue  
ke on other thynges. Jogelars that  
hurte any man eyther i his goodes

or in his body, he worthy to be hang-  
ged, what is a Jogelar but a discop-  
er, or els dety of a mānes Coule, the  
instrument of a Jogelar please not  
our lord God.

### ¶ The seruautes.

A seruaunte of hygge harte put a  
waue from the, as after to be thyne  
enemye. A seruaunt glosyng in his  
manners and condicions remeue fro  
th, a seruaunt nygge bnto the, and  
at tymes praysyng the withstande,  
a seruaunt lyghtly chamefaste loue  
as thyne owne sone. Also and thou  
haue a seruaunte that is a lyer or a  
sworer, put hym or her awaye, for  
they shall do the neuer profyte.

### ¶ Of buydyng.

And yf thou wyll buyde, let nede  
moue the, and not thyne owne bo-  
ruptuousnes, for the appetite of a buyl-  
der is neuer in buydynge satysfied.  
Inordinate and ouer moche desyre  
of buydyng causeth and abydeth &



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sellynge of thynges buylded, tounre  
buylded, and the chesse euacuat ma-  
keth a man after wyle.

**¶ The sellynge of herptage.**

And yf thou wylte selle, beware  
that thou selle not a parte of thyne  
herptage to them that be greater  
than thy self, but rather for lesse pry-  
ce, sell to hym that is lesse than thy  
self, sell al to hym that offereth most  
it is better to suffre great hunger  
than the sellynge of thy patrimony,  
but it is better to sell than to do vici-  
ous and worse.

**¶ Of felawshyp.**

And yf thou wylte have a felawe,  
rather felawshyppe the with hym  
that accordeth to the in maners than  
in goods, and suffre hym patiently  
all in lawfull thynges, let not here  
of wyrt be felawshypped vnto the.

**¶ Of drunkennes.**

He that in dyuersyte and a bound-  
daunce of wyne is sobre is an erthy

God, drunkennesse doth nothyng  
ryght but whan he falleth into the  
myze, whan thou arte dystempred  
with wyne the conuersacion & like  
slepe. The drunken excusynge hym  
selfe openly accuseth his drunkenes,  
it semyth not well a yonge man or a  
yonge woman to knowe wyne, the  
a drunken phesycian the also a phesyc  
can wyllynge to proue in the howe  
rom a lyke sykenes he shall cure o  
ther folkes.

#### ¶ Of dogges.

Lyttel dogges leue them to clarkes  
and ladyes, dogges that can kepe  
thy howse be profytable, houndes  
for to hunte spende more then they  
shall gette the.

#### ¶ Of fortune.

Yf fortune be to the contrarye that  
the rule of honest lyuynge be suffy-  
cent to the, what profytes it the, the  
rule of lyuynge: take hede thou seest  
fooles not doyng theyr deuoyze to  
get

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get they lyuyng, and yet they excuse  
them by fortune. It is seldom seen  
betwixt dyligence with infortune, but  
it is seldomer seen infortune parted  
from Slouth. The slouthfull man  
abydeth to be holpen of god, whiche  
in the worlde dyspyleth to labour,  
watche therfore besyde and let the  
lyghtnes of spendynge be recompen  
sed with scarlenes of getynge.

### Of thy testament.

Here cometh I counceyll the ra  
ther comyt the to God than to thy  
sone, whan thou shalt dyspose thy  
goodes I counsell the to comaunde  
fyrst that thy dettes and seruaun  
tes be payde, that done loke thou be  
take not thy soule to them that be co  
uetous, neyther to players of dyce &  
cardes, neyther to them that loueth  
thy person, but to them that loueth  
they obone sowles, dyspose thy selfe  
before sickness, for oftentimes by sick  
nes a man is made the seruaunt of

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sickness



tyckenes, and a seruant may not make a testamente. Therfore in thy libertye make thy testamente or thou come to bondage, yf thou haue any heyre make hym not thy executour.

### **¶ Of thy sones.**

**N**owe here of thy sones: when the father is deed, the sones seke deuytye in, if they be noble better is the spredynge abroad of them in the worlde than the deuytyon of thy heritage, and oftymes the deuytyon of the heritage is the destruction of the kynned, yf they be labourers let them do what they wyll, yf they marchantes theyr deuytyon is better than to be together lest the infortune of one be imputed to other.

### **¶ Of thy mother.**

**H**ere now of thy mother, yf thy mother seke to be marryed she doeth but wyfely, but that she wepe her synes I wolde that she beyng olde myght take a yonge man, for he shall not

onely caste awaye her, but also her  
goodes whiche done she shal drynke  
with the cuppe of sorowe, which she  
deserued by her dotage.

**S**i vis ad vitam ingredi serua  
mandata.

**H**e that wyll to heauen surely  
kepe the helles of God almyghty  
Thou shalt haue no God but one  
Ide othes sweere thou none  
Thy sabboth dayes thou must ke  
father and mother worshippe  
Sle no man in any wyse  
Lechery thou shalt dyspyse  
False wytnes thou shalt none be  
Steale thou nothyng in no maner  
Desyre þ not thy neyghbours wy  
Seruaunt ne goodes in thy lyfe.  
**N**ow foloweth. vii. workes gho  
that men ought kepe couerayn  
Teche þ balyernd, and gyue good  
counsell

Comforte þ loze a chastyte þ rebel

for gyfte bykynnes, & suffer wzoge  
And for thyn enemyes pray amoge

**T**hou shalt neuer be sure of heuē

But þe the deedly synnes seuen.

Dyde, wzath, enuye, and glotony.

Touetyse, Slouth, and Lechery.

Thzill shall þe are whan þe shalt dye  
euen boodely weikes of mercy.

**O**f fedynge the hungry with  
the thursty.

Lothynge þe naked, lodgynge þe neby  
inforte þe lycke & prysoners both.

bury the deed, be thou not loth.

**A**llyttes fyue of thy bodye,

Must well be vled so thou dye.

in herynge, and feynge,

leastyng, smellyng, & touchynge:

**B**ut wytte & fyue specialy,

Moueth men graciously.

lyll, mynde, ymagynacion.

With vnderstandynge and reason.

Wyle man yf thou arte

of thy goodes take thy parte

if thou hengs wende.



Yf thou leaue thy parte  
For executours to departe.

Thy parte shall be no parte.  
at the laste ende.

Do some good man by thy lyue,  
Whyles thou hast thy mynde.  
Thy chyldren wyll the soone forge  
Thy wyfe wyll be vnkynde.

Executours be couetous,  
And take what they fynde.

Yf thou wilt not whan thou  
They wyll brynge the behynde.

¶ Thus endeth the wyse  
Prognostication.

¶ Imprynte

by me Robert Wyer: Dwe  
lynge in Seynt Martyns pa  
risshe, in the Duke of Suffol  
kes rentges, besyde charyn  
ge Crosse.

# Almanacke, for a. M. D. lvi. Dayes. Houres. Minn. Degre.

inua.	(newe. xii. ii. full. xxi. ii. xix)	vi. ii. Aquario. lii. xx. Leo.
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icc.	(newe. xi. o. full. xxi. ii. xix)	xxii. i. Aries i. xv. Libra.
yll.	(newe. ix. viii. full. xxi. ii. xix)	lii. xix. Aries. xi. xiii. Scor.
y.	(newe. viii. xvi. full. xxi. ii. xix)	xx. xxi. Taur. xli. xii. Sagit.
le.	(newe. vi. xiiii. full. xxi. ii. xix)	l. xxi. Gemini o. x. Capric.
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The Golden nombre.

The Cycle of the Sonne.

The Sondaye letter.

The Beate Chyldmas and Noctyrde, with the  
and, iii. Dayes.

The Ascension daye the, x. daye of February.

The Ascension daye the, b. daye of Aprill.

The Ascension daye the, xlii. daye of Maye.

The Whitsundaye the, xxi. daye of June.

The Good to take medycynes all the daye in

the Sygne.

